

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PLUMBERS**

1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Cranston, RI 02920

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

9:00am

In attendance: Jeffrey Hutton

Richard Mandarini

Michael Newman

Michael Raposa

William J. Riley, Chair

**Lionel Bernardino, Anthony Cardarelli, Larry Giorgi and DLT Director
(or designee) were not in attendance.**

**Also in attendance were E. Patrick Luther, Chief Plumbing
Investigator; John Shaw, Administrator; and Mary Ellen McQueeney-
Lally, DLT Legal Counsel.**

**1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:08 by Chair
William J. Riley.**

2.) Minutes of September 15, 2015 Meeting: Richard Mandarinini made a motion to accept the minutes of September 15, 2015; seconded by Michael Newman and passed unanimously.

3.) Conflict of Interest – Legal Counsel will address the Board concerning compliance with conflict of interest requirements: Mary Ellen McQueeney-Lally, DLT Legal Counsel, reminds the Board that they are subject to the RI conflict of interest laws and of their responsibility to disclose conflicts of interest. If there is a conflict, or a board member feels they cannot be impartial, board members should recuse from both hearing and voting on the matter. Legal counsel is available if needed. Forms are available.

4.) Violation Appeal Hearings: None

5.) Glenmore Wagner to petition to take the Master Plumber exam: Glenmore Wagner is before the board to petition to take the Master Plumber exam. Mr. Wagner addressed the board and is questioned by the board.

Michael Raposa made a motion to grant the request to take the Master test in RI; seconded by Michael Newman. There is discussion.

Board members question Mr. Wagner.

Michael Raposa amends the motion that Mr. Wagner provide work hours in RI and a letter from the State Board of Examiners in Massachusetts that he has no violations. The amendment was seconded by Michael Newman. The motion passed unanimously.

6.) Continuing Education: Legislation has passed regarding continuing education for licensed master or journeyperson plumbers prior to renewal of an existing license. Rules and regulations need to be promulgated for continuing education. The board has looked at Massachusetts as a guide and made adjustments accordingly. Any changes to the rules and regulations will be reviewed by the Legal Unit and will go through the normal process of promulgating rules and regulations.

It is discussed that the board work with the State Building Commission to determine who will create the curriculum and who/how continuing education will be monitored. Monitoring will need to be determined by the Department.

The exemption from the continuing education provided in the law (years of experience as a licensed master or journeyperson plumber and age equal to 80 years) is discussed.

A subcommittee meeting is requested for Wednesday, November 25, 2015 at 9:00am to discuss curriculum for continuing education and review rules and regulations.

7.) Apprentice Approvals / Apprentice Registrations: E. Patrick Luther confirms that requirements have been met.

Michael Newman made a motion to accept the apprentice approvals / apprentice registrations; seconded by Michael Raposa and passed unanimously by the Board.

8.) Adjournment: Richard Mandarinini made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jeffrey Hutton. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30am.